

WILMINGTON MAN MISSING.

Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington Railroad Station Agent's Books Said to Be in Bad Shape.

B. A. Cook, for the past three or four years station agent for the Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington railroad in Wilmington, left that town suddenly Oct. 8 with his wife and two children, stored his automobile in a garage in Boston, mailed the garage check to Foster & Grout and dropped out of sight. His present whereabouts are unknown.

It was stated at the railroad office Thursday that the missing man had given no word of his intention to leave when he locked up the office Saturday night and that his accounts were in bad shape. There is supposed to be some shortage, but the extent of it cannot be learned until the books have been gone over. The missing man cleared up some of his personal debts before leaving, but it is understood that he owed more or less money to different individuals.

Cook evidently made his plans for leaving in a hurry. Sunday he locked up the house in which he had been living, took his machine and family and left for Boston. There he stored the car in a garage on Massachusetts avenue and mailed the check. He announced to at least one person Sunday that he was leaving town for good, but did not state where he intended to go after leaving Boston. He left orders for the disposition of the furniture in his home before leaving.

An attachment was laid on his motion picture projection machine in the Memorial hall by P. A. Childs to cover three weeks' rent of the hall, \$24. The screen was not fully paid for and remains the property of the makers and the automobile he had been driving also was owned on a conditional bill of sale and remains the property of Foster & Grout. The machine was located in the garage in Boston, where it had been left, by Amasa Grout and was brought to Wilmington Friday.

Among the theories advanced by those best acquainted with the missing man to account for his actions is that of temporary loss of mental balance. It is said that he had been drinking more or less for some time and it is presumed that a temporary fit of mental unbalance left him in a position from which he could see instant flight as the only way out.

The railroad company is protected from loss by Cook's bond, filed with a bonding company, but the extent of his defaulting in any, will not be known for several days.

PAGE GOES TO BEACH.

Leaves the Rutland Hospital, Where He Had Been Resting, and Goes to Atlantic City.

Senator Carroll S. Page Sunday afternoon left Rutland hospital where, since September 20, he had been taking a "rest cure" following a nerve-racking campaign for re-election at the September primary. In company with his daughter, Miss Alice Page, he left Rutland on his way to Atlantic City, N. J., where he plans to remain several weeks, probably most of the time before the opening of congress in December.

That he might receive the fullest benefit of the treatment of his physician, Dr. W. W. Townsend, Senator Page, after his first two or three days in the hospital, denied himself to visitors. He said Sunday that he was feeling better than at any time for six months past.

Senator Page's son, Russell S. Page, who is in charge of the senator's business affairs at Hyde Park, was in Rutland Saturday to confer with his father. Miss Page was a companion at Atlantic City with her father.

It is not unlikely that the senator will return to Vermont to cast his vote at the state and national election next month.

LEG BROKEN IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Miss Lottie Rice Hit by Car of L. V. Crocker at Bennington.

Miss Lottie Rice, 30, who lives with her mother, Mrs. Harriet Rice, in Bennington is at the Samarian hospital in Troy with a broken right leg as the result of being hit by an automobile owned and driven by L. V. Crocker of Chester. The accident happened Tuesday afternoon in the underpass at what is known as the Pike crossing on the Bennington branch of the Rutland railroad.

According to the report of the owner of the car, who was accompanied by one man passenger, the accident was primarily due to the strong wind which muffled the warning of the horn on the automobile.

The young woman, it is reported, did not hear the warning and attempted to cross the highway directly under the railroad track. She sustained severe bruises in addition to a broken thigh bone.

Diseases of Children

I find worms one of the most common of children's diseases—either pinworms or stomach worms. These parasites make their presence known by their annoying habits, deranged stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional gripings and pains about the navel, pale face of leaden tint, eyes heavy and dull, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short dry cough, grinding of the teeth, little red points sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever.

For over 60 years Dr. Tru's Elixir, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller, has been the standard remedy for worms, stomach disorders and constipation, both for children and adults. Mr. Wm. L. Wylie of Houston, Texas, writes: "I want to say that Dr. Tru's Elixir is certainly a fine medicine." At all dealers, 35c, 50c, and \$1.00. Advice free. Write to me, Dr. Tru, Auburn, Maine.

MOTORED ACROSS CONTINENT.

Fred Rogers Writes Interestingly of a Trip from Springfield, Mass., to Seattle.

Springfield to Seattle, Wash., in 24 days, driving a Ford car, is the trip recently completed by Fred G. Rogers, formerly of Dummerston and Brattleboro. He started Aug. 29 at 8.30 a. m., with his wife and brother of 97 Spring street, Springfield, Mass. Mr. Rogers, who has lived in Washington the past eight years, will make his home in the West for the future. He had been engaged in mining during his residence in the state of Washington and, having been injured twice in explosions, the last time in November, 1915, when he nearly lost his life, for this immediate reason he came East the first of last May. However, he recovered sufficiently to operate an automobile and he bought of the Carson Auto company of Springfield a Ford touring car and immediately started in the jumpy business. Although his new business was a success, he was used to the ways of western life and the prospect of a cold, stormy winter in the jumpy did not in the least appeal to him, and he decided to visit a few relatives in Manchester, N. H., Barre, and Dummerston, and then equip his Ford with a camping outfit and start over the northern transcontinental route for Seattle. Mr. Rogers is a blacksmith by trade and he took up his hammer and made attachments for carrying the luggage and sleeping and cooking equipment for the party of three.

He returned to Springfield on the evening of Aug. 28, and at 8.30 the following morning made the start. The Ford registered 19,816 miles since May 18, the day of its purchase. It was his first automobile, but being a mechanic and having had no trouble to speak of during his jumpy work with it, he decided there was no need of overhauling it save in the occasion required from time to time on the route.

Thirty addressed envelopes all stamped ready to mail to his father, Fisk G. Rogers of 41 High street, Springfield, and a writing pad served to keep his friends in the East posted as to the progress of the trip. He did not note the incidents of the trip. His wife was not used to long automobile rides, and it was perhaps for that reason that the trip took then a little longer. However, it was made without special incident and without any accident. The entire trip taking 24 days and covering 3,659 miles.

Mr. Rogers says the highways of New York state are the best on the route, and those of Montana next, while those of Wisconsin are the poorest. Gasoline ranged in price from 17 1/2 cents to 30 cents a gallon. During the entire trip he had but two tank punctures and a slow leak from a poorly repaired inner tube patch. These repairs were made by the roadside with gasoline patches. He bought two tires after discharging two that had run over 11,000 miles. Every morning he blew up his tires to the required pressure, a custom he had followed since he bought the car. Twice he took off the top head of the engine and the crankshaft and the head and off the pistons. "I found some terrible grades in the Cascade Mountains," said Mr. Rogers, "Fourth of July canyon being the worst. But I negotiated this nicely, opening up the throttle while the car stood still until the water boiled, then starting off and the roads are very narrow here, and in some places are covered with deep volcanic ash which is about the consistency of flour. In the Rocky mountains we came to the place where a man and his wife and child were in a car that the driver lost control of, and it went over the edge of a cliff and then sliding 250 feet more. The engine of the car was not damaged but the rest was crushed to atoms. The child they could not find any trace of; the man and woman were crushed and probably killed. The car was caught in a net of trout in the Rocky mountains and had a fine fish fry on the running board of the car.

"The gasoline expense for the trip was \$43.60. The entire expense for gasoline, oil, two spark plugs and two tires, which was the excessive rain and wind when passing through South Dakota and the south end of North Dakota. One hundred and fourteen miles was the shortest day's drive and 242 the longest, and the average from start to finish, figuring each day from the time we left Springfield, was 152.2 miles. Taking into consideration the extreme hard usage this car had before starting on this trip, carrying some times up to 13 persons in the jumpy service, I can recommend it as a reliable transcontinental vehicle, and where time is an object a cheap way to cross the continent. The experience is well worth the while. Our car with a Massachusetts license and banner was tagged for Seattle and strangers en route extended every possible courtesy, furnishing us with route maps from state to state the entire route. Our luggage and camping equipment, together with ourselves, weighed fully as much as five adult persons. We passed several larger cars with less passengers that were either stuck in the mud, sand or on the grades. We met many people en route for the East under the same conditions and our outfit was so conspicuous that we were always being accosted and interviewed concerning road conditions. My car has never been kept for one hour under any shelter whatever since I had it, subject to all weather, both idle and under power. It continues to run right along. I have always driven it at a good sharp clip of speed where road conditions were favorable and have been fortunate not to have collided with anything. Now I think enough of it to give it a fresh coat of paint and dub it my transcontinental Pullman. Why not? I traveled, ate and slept in it together with my party over a trip of 3,659 miles under every prevailing condition of 24 consecutive days."

Cleveland has received \$218,000 in payment of three years' taxes from its street railway company.

THE PUTNEY COLUMN

Rev. M. W. Russell One of the Heirs to Big Trust Fund.

Rev. M. W. Russell of Putney, formerly pastor at Belmont and Cuttingsville, is one of the heirs to the trust fund which was released by the death of Mrs. Hetty Green. The amount of the fund is exactly \$1,635,557.66 and is to be distributed among 340 heirs. Mrs. Green received the interest on the amount, according to the will of her aunt, Sylvia Ann Howland, and at her death to be distributed among the heirs of her grandfather. For over 35 years Mr. Russell has assisted the genealogist in gathering data concerning his family, which has been traced to the landing of John Howland in 1620, in the Mayflower, his great-grandfather being the daughter of Gideon Howland of New Bedford, Mass.

One of the trustees writing to Mr. Russell says the distribution will soon begin and will be settled without any great lapse of time. The amount each heir will receive is difficult to estimate as the law requires the distribution to begin with the oldest descendants.

When asked by a friend if his share would be something like \$28,000, Mr. Russell replied: "I am not at liberty to say." He is in the line of the first descendants and will be among the first in sharing.

Rev. Mr. Russell is a Congregationalist, but has no pastorate. He moved to Putney not long ago and bought a house on the Westminster West road.

House Damaged by Fire.

The Othmel Kilburn house a short distance northeast of the Mount Pleasant cemetery was badly damaged yesterday by fire which apparently had been smoldering for some time. The draft in the chimney had been giving trouble and Wednesday Mr. Kilburn and Fred Martin cleaned it out. About 1 o'clock next morning Mrs. Kilburn awakened choked with smoke, and it was discovered that fire had spread in the partitions. The null whist was blown, giving an alarm, and numerous residents responded, chopping through the partitions in order to get to the fire. The house was saved, but at one time the efforts of the men were in doubt. The furniture was removed. Mr. and Mrs. Kilburn are staying at Mr. Martin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Angell are keeping house with Mrs. Addie Johnson.

Mrs. Sarah E. Smith is visiting friends in Lunenburg, Mass., and may go to Providence, R. I., for a visit.

There will be a service in the West Hill schoolhouse Sunday at 3 p. m., in charge of Rev. R. B. Davis. Everyone is urged to make a special effort to be present, as matters of interest to all who attend the services will be discussed at the close.

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The Fortnightly club had its first meeting of the year with Mrs. R. H. Bralley on West Hill Friday afternoon. There was a good attendance and the papers by Mrs. Foster on the meeting of the Greater Vermont association, which she attended and the review of the year by Miss Bessie Bralley were much enjoyed by the members and guests. Refreshments were served.

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TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

Registration in Burlington Largest in History of Organization—A. S. Harriman President.

The state teachers' convention, which closed in Burlington last Saturday, showed a total registration of 1,340, the largest in the history of the organization. The next highest number was 1,531 at Rutland last year.

In the meeting Saturday the following officers were elected: President, A. S. Harriman of Middlebury; vice president, Miss Alberta Beaman of St. Johnsbury; secretary, Miss Etta Franklin of Rutland; treasurer, Mrs. A. Hamilton of Newport; directors, Margaret R. Kelley of Derby, Edward P. Greene and M. D. Cliftenden of Richmond, H. M. Willets of Springfield, J. D. Whittier of Arlington and Evelyn Fuller of Woodstock.

Resolutions were passed expressing confidence in and pledging support to State Commissioner Billegas, advocating the principle of pensions for Vermont teachers, favoring better physical school environment and rigid enforcement of sanitary conditions.

Invitations were received from St. Johnsbury, Montpelier and Burlington as the place for holding the convention next year.

Slavery was abolished in the British colonies in 1833, and the same year the American Anti-slavery society was founded.

WESTMINSTER.

Mrs. Farr Thrown When Horse Ran.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farr drove to their pasture for the cows and on starting them for home Mrs. Farr, who was driving, raised the whip to hasten a delinquent cow, frightening the horse, and was thrown over the dashboard. The horse freed itself from the wagon and was caught by a man in an automobile. Mr. Farr, who was on foot driving his cows, hastened to Mrs. Farr's assistance. She was picked up by Fred Fenn, who was passing in his car. She escaped with a few slight bruises.

Mrs. O. P. Fullam is spending the week with her daughter in Putney.

Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Wright and child are guests at A. B. Wright's.

H. F. Bond is confined to his room on account of serious illness.

The pulpit was occupied last Sunday by a Mount Hermon student.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Walker returned Monday from their trip to Worcester, Mass.

Emory Hawley and family expect to move to Greenfield, Mass., in the near future.

Mrs. L. G. Converse has been visiting her daughter, who is teaching in Francine, N. H.

The missionary society will meet with Mrs. L. A. Pierce this week Friday afternoon.

Mrs. H. A. Wyman of Keene, N. H., was guest of Mrs. A. L. Pierce Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nutting left Saturday for Pownal to visit their granddaughter, Mrs. Dan Gardner.

Mrs. Frank Sawyer and son, after spending the summer here and in Walpole, N. H., left Friday for their home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Eva Larkin and Miss Laura Ranney were chosen as delegates to attend the Sunday school state convention in Brattleboro this week.

Mrs. Reginald Javon and daughter, Helen, and Miss Blanche Wilkins, after spending the summer in town, left Saturday for Mrs. Javon's home in New York city.

Mrs. R. O. Brown and son arrived Friday from Richdale, Alberta, P. Q., at Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fullam's. Mrs. Brown is a sister of Mrs. Fullam and daughter of Mrs. Anna Foster.

Mrs. George Dasecomb entertained a party Thursday afternoon at five-hundred. Mrs. George Wilkins was guest of honor. The party presented Mrs. Wilkins a cut glass vase as a souvenir of the occasion.

Mrs. George Wilkins, who had been in town nearly four months, left Oct. 13 for Boston to spend a week with friends, after which she will join her daughter, Blanche, in New York city, where she will spend a week with her daughter, Mrs. Javon, before returning to her home in Beaufort, S. C.

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BELLINGS FALLS NEWS

LAVISH WITH THEIR MONEY.

Bridal Couple Placed Big Order in One Store and Entertained Large Party at Walpole—Bridegroom Arrested.

Bellings Falls was treated Tuesday to a Lord and Lady Bountiful wedding, which was followed by the arrest of the generous-hearted bridegroom.

Richard Carleton Wood of 16 Center street, Roxbury, an electrician, and Miss Marion Knowles of Henshaw street, Fall River, were the central figures in the ceremony.

The couple arrived in town Monday and announced no more interest at the time than do the scores of couples with similar purposes who flock in every week. But it was not long before the merchants were aware that this couple was a little different than others, as they received many orders, although no money was paid.

They motored to Chester Tuesday, returning with Rev. F. C. Williams, an Episcopal rector. At every store at which they had left orders here they stopped and extended an invitation to clerks and proprietor to attend the wedding ceremony that evening.

Not satisfied with the list of guests, which comprised nearly 100, all the traveling salesmen at the hotel where the wedding was to be performed were also invited, and they, after investing in new collars and shaves, got busy on their expense accounts.

After the couple had been married in the parlor of the hotel, every guest was invited to take a seat in a long string of automobiles which waited outside the door. Where they were going no one knew until the cavalcade drew up before a hotel in Walpole, N. H. Here an old-fashioned turkey dinner awaited the happy couple and their guests and met with its deserved fate.

That night, however, Wood was arrested and placed in dunceville, charged with raising a money order from \$1 to \$1,000.

It is alleged by the police that Wood in passing from place to place about Woodstock, had shown the money order and when proprietors could not change it, had used it for credit. Waltham, Mass., was one of the places rumored to have been a scene of Wood's activities. He made no attempt to cash it, so far as is known. In Bellings Falls, however, Wood used all cash, which he got from a large roll of bills in his pocket. As a matter of fact the limit of a government money order is \$500.

Meanwhile Mrs. Wood, who gave her maiden name as Marion Knowles of Henshaw street, Fall River, is heartbroken by the rude surprise. She told people in Bellings Falls that she had only known Wood a few days, that she had previously been engaged to a young man in Fall River, but that the beautiful attentions of her new suitor had carried her away.

LEFT \$1 FOR REPORTERS.

Lowell Man Wanted No Publicity About His Marriage.

Many marriage licenses were issued here Monday to out-of-state couples.

Russell B. Haggitt of 54 Gates street, Lowell, and Miss A. L. Brown of the same address also secured a license. Mr. Haggitt left a \$1 bill in the town clerk's office to be divided among the local newspaper fraternity in order to keep his name from appearing in the newspapers.

FORMER CARRIER BOUND OVER.

Bellings Falls Man Charged with Taking Funds Given Him to Send Through Mail—Money Returned.

Deputy United States Marshal E. S. Whittaker of Rutland came to Brattleboro Monday with Ernest E. Keefe of Bellings Falls, who was bound over in the sum of \$200 by United States Commissioner John E. Gale of Guilford to appear at the present term of court in Rutland. He furnished bail.

Keefe formerly was a rural letter carrier connected with the Bellings Falls postoffice. It is charged that several months ago he stole \$5 which was given him by a rural patron to be sent away in a letter. It was stated to the commissioner Monday that the money had been returned.

BRATTLEBORO WOMEN OFFICERS.

With the annual meeting of the United States Daughters of 1812, held Oct. 11, the three days' session of Vermont's patriotic societies in Montpelier came to an end.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Arthur E. Isham of Burlington; vice-president, Mrs. John A. Mead of Rutland; second vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Howard of Shoreham; third vice-president, Mrs. E. A. Leavenworth of Castleton; recording secretary, Mrs. M. Skeels of Isle La Motte; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wilbur Brown of Montpelier; bulletin secretary, Mrs. Harris R. Watkins of Burlington; treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Prouty of Montpelier; registrar, Della M. Sherman of Brattleboro; historian, Mrs. A. Davis of Rutland; chaplain, Mrs. Charles H. Reade of South Hero; auditor, Mrs. C. A. Gale of Montpelier.

Councillors for three years: Mrs. O. D. Scribner of Montpelier, Mrs. George S. Dowley of Brattleboro; for two years, Mrs. C. B. Lamson of Brattleboro; one year, Mrs. Henry G. Root of Bennington, Ella W. Bailey of Montpelier; committee for soldiers' monument for three house grounds, Mrs. Clayton North of Shoreham, Mrs. John A. Mead of Rutland, Mrs. W. L. Wason of Waterbury.

Mabel—Do you know anything about Tom Higbee?

Arthur—Why, Higbee is my first cousin.

Mabel—I know that, but is he all right otherwise?—Boston Globe.

Any young man can get a good living—if his dad is rich.

The Management of an Estate

for a friend or relative is often suddenly thrust on the individual executor who can ill afford to devote the necessary time from his own business.

The logical thing to do is to name

The Peoples National Bank

as executor and trustee of your estate



WESTMINSTER WEST.

Leonard Phillips.

Miss Laura Lena Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phillips of this place, and Frank Leonard of West Dummerston were married in Gilsum, N. H., Thursday, Oct. 12. Mr. Phillips has moved his home here and been in Gilsum with his family for some time. He has a lumber job there.

The young couple took their wedding trip in Mr. Leonard's automobile, going to Townsend to visit friends and from there to Manchester to visit relatives of Mrs. Leonard. They returned Monday to West Dummerston where they will go directly to housekeeping. Mr. Leonard had to be in Newane Tuesday, where he is serving on the jury.

Both young people are very popular. Mrs. Leonard is a member of the church and Grange here, where she has been an active worker. Her singing from childhood has added to the many entertainments. Mr. Leonard is master of the Grange in West Dummerston. The best wishes of many friends here are extended to them.

Flurry of Snow Tuesday.